

STEEL STERLING MAN OF STEEL

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# STEEL STERLING

MAN OF STEEL

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR! A SLOGAN THAT HAS NOW BECOME THE CRY-WORD OF A NATION. BUT HERE'S THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY OF PEARL HARBOR... A STORY OF STERLING'S VALIANT EFFORTS TO CHAIN THE DOGS OF WAR LET LOOSE BY THE TREACHEROUS JAPS. YOU'LL NEVER FORGET PEARL HARBOR AFTER THIS STORY!

ON THE FATAL DAY OF PEARL HARBOR STERLING ZIPS IN FRANTIC HASTE TO THE HOME OF TOKI, PREMIER OF JAPAN...

HE'S DEAD!

BY  
LEWIS FARRLE

THEN THE RADIO BLARES FORTH AN ANNOUNCEMENT

PEOPLE OF JAPAN, YOUR EMPEROR BRINGS YOU A MESSAGE OF WAR! WAR AGAINST THE AMERICAN DOGS!



WE HAVE BEEN TOO PATIENT. THE WORLD SHALL SOON KNOW THE POWER OF THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN. THIS VERY MOMENT OUR AIR FORCE AND FLEET ARE STRIKING! STRIKING AT THE VITALS OF THE U.S.A. --- PEARL HARBOR!



AND AT THAT MOMENT AT PEARL HARBOR...



BUT NOW LET US DRAW THE CURTAIN ON THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO PEARL HARBOR AND GO BACK A FEW DAYS WHEN STEEL STERLING, AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOV'T. IS AT TOKYO AN AMBASSADOR OF GOOD WILL WHILE NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROCEEDING BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS...

THEN STERLING IS HASTY, SUMMONED TO THE OFFICE OF THE U.S. CONGUL --



STERLING - THERE'S TROUBLE IN THE AIR, I TELL YOU!

I'VE GOTTEN UNDERGROUND INFORMATION THAT THE JAPS ARE PLANNING SOME TREACHERY. IN MY OFFICIAL CAPACITY I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF AMERICANS HERE IN JAPAN, AND IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY WHO SHOULD LEAVE AT ONCE!



THERE'S NO WAY OF GETTING IN TOUCH WITH SOME OF THOSE REMOTE PLACES - SO I'LL HANDLE THEM MYSELF. CLANCY AND LOONEY CAN BE HELPFUL RIGHT HERE!



YOU BETCHA WE CAN - STEEL!



SURE, IT'LL BE A CINCH!

I HOPE SO, SO LONG!



STREAKING THROUGH THE SKIES  
LIKE A METEOR, THE MAN OF  
STEEL ZIPS FROM  
VILLAGE TO  
VILLAGE -



YOU'D BETTER LEAVE THIS  
COUNTRY IMMEDIATELY,  
REVEREND. BUT SURELY  
NOBODY  
WOULD  
HARM A  
MISSION-  
ARY!



I'M AFRAID THESE  
JAPS HAVEN'T AS  
MUCH RESPECT  
FOR THE CLOTH  
AS YOU THINK!



AND SOON A MASS  
EMIGRATION BEGINS -



- WITH STERLING DOING  
THE WORK OF 100 MEN TO  
CLEAR THE DANGER  
SPOTS AS QUICKLY AS  
POSSIBLE - -



WHILE BACK IN TOKYO -



BOY, OBOY,  
LOONEY,  
TAKE A  
LOOK AT  
THAT NUM-  
BER, WILL  
YA?

WOW, WE  
BETTER GIVE  
HER OUR PER-  
SONAL ATTEN-  
TION!



JUST A  
MINUTE,  
LADY!























AND THEN THEY TELL US WE  
KIDNAPPED PREMIER ITOKI'S  
GRANDSON. YACANT TRUST  
GAMES IN ANY COUNTRY-  
IMAGINE TELLING US  
SHE WAS AN AMER-  
ICAN-I THINK SHE  
WUZ LYING!



WHAT MARVELOUS  
DEDUCTION! WELL, HAPPY  
VOYAGE, BOYS-SEE YOU  
IN AMERICA!

HEY! WHERE  
YA GOIN'  
STEEL?



NOW TO HAVE A CHAT WITH  
PREMIER ITOKI. THERE'S  
PLENTY OF FIRE BEHIND  
THIS SMOKE SCREEN. I'LL  
GET TO THE BOTTOM OR  
BUST A BLOOD VESSEL  
TRYING!



PREMIER  
ITOKI, I PRE-  
SUME!

THE  
AMERICAN,  
STERLING!



LOOK, PREMIER, JUST  
WHAT WAS YOUR GAME  
WITH THIS FAKE  
KIDNAPPING?

FAKE KID-  
NAPPING!  
WHY YOU  
IMPUDENT  
AMERICAN  
DOG!



SAY, YOU SOUND  
AS THOUGH YOU'RE  
IN THE CLEAR AT  
THAT! MAYBE  
YOU'RE BEING  
TAKEN FOR A  
SLEIGH-RIDE!

SLEIGH-  
RIDE? I  
NEVER WAS  
ON A  
SLEIGH!



NO, I MEAN MY FRIENDS NEVER KID-  
NAPPED YOUR GRANDSON. DID IT EVER  
OCCUR TO YOU THAT THE WHOLE  
THING WAS A  
TRICK?

A TRICK? BY THE  
TEETH OF THE DRAGON  
IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN  
TRICKERY AT THAT!







I'LL SOON FIND OUT! MY MAID REPORTED THE KIDNAPPING! NITCHI... OH, NITCHI!

YOU CALL, MASTER?



NITCHI, ARE YOU QUITE SURE THAT MY GRANDSON WAS KIDNAPPED EXACTLY AS YOU DESCRIBED?

BUT OF COURSE, HONORABLE MASTER! NITCHI NO MAKE LIE!



I'LL FIND OUT FOR SURE - BRING ME YOUR HUSBAND'S BELT OF A THOUSAND STITCHES AT ONCE, NITCHI!

YES, HONORABLE MASTER!



THE BELT OF A THOUSAND STITCHES IS SACRED TO EVERY JAPANESE SOLDIER. IF IT IS DESTROYED, HIS HONOR AND SOUL ARE DESTROYED ALONG WITH IT... AND NITCHI'S HUSBAND IS A SOLDIER!



HERE, MASTER, THE SACRED BELT! WHAT DO YOU DO WITH IT?



DESTROY IT UNLESS YOU TELL ME THE TRUTH!



ME TELL! BARON WATANABI AND CAPTAIN VON SIEGFRIED PAY ME TO CARRY OUT DISHONORABLE PLAN!

BONES OF MY ANCESTORS! I HAVE BEEN TRICKED!



MAY THE WRATH OF MY FATHER'S STRIKE ME DEAD FOR MY STUPIDITY. I HAVE BEEN TRICKED INTO SIGNING A DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST YOUR COUNTRY. WAIT HERE HONORABLE STERLING!



IN A TOWERING RAGE ITOKI MAKES HIS WAY BACK TO THE DIET.



WATANABI! OFFSPRING OF A REPTILE-GIVE ME THAT DOCUMENT I SIGNED!



EXCELLENCY, YOU CANNOT RETRACT NOW!

GIVE IT TO ME, OR I LET OUR PEOPLE KNOW OF YOUR TREACHERY!



THAT, ESTEEMED PREMIER, IS THE FATE OF ALL WHO DARE CROSS OUR PATHS! MAY YOUR TONGUE-WAGGING FALL ON THE DEMONS FOR ALL ETERNITY!



I WONDER WHAT'S KEEPING THE PREMIER? HE SHOULD HAVE RETURNED A LONG WHILE AGO!



I BETTER TAKE A RUN OVER TO THE DIET MYSELF AND SEE WHAT'S WHAT









NOTHING CAN STAND  
IN OUR WAY. IT IS  
WAR!... WAR TO THE  
DEATH - AND OURS  
IS THE VOICE OF  
DESTINY!

VOICE OF  
DESTINY.  
EH?

WELL, YOUR  
VOICE IS  
GOING TO  
CHANGE  
BEFORE  
THIS  
SHINDIG  
IS OVER!

ROAR LIKE A LION, NOW!  
BUT YOU'LL BE MEWING  
LIKE SICK CATS  
WHEN WE  
GET  
THROUGH  
WITH  
YOU!

YOU CALLED THE  
TURN-WE TRIED TO  
SHAKE HANDS  
ACROSS THE OCEAN  
AND YOU THOUGHT  
YOU SAW A  
SWELL  
CHANCE TO  
SLIP  
THE  
CUFFS  
ON US!


OKAY, MAKE THE MOST  
OF YOUR INNING - OUR  
TURN AT BAT WILL COME  
SOON. MY UNCLE SAM  
HAS A FUNNY WAY OF  
REMEMBERING  
THINGS!

AND JUST TO MAKE MY-  
SELF CLEAR, HERE'S A LANG-  
UAGE YOU AND YOUR SCAVENGER  
NAZI FRIENDS WILL SOON UNDER-  
STAND

-TO YOUR  
EVERLASTING  
SORROW!

MORE  
THRILLING  
ADVENTURES  
WITH STEEL  
STERLING  
IN NEXT  
MONTH'S  
ZIP  
COMICS!  
REMEMBER  
PEARL  
HARBOR!





THERE GOES  
THE CURTAIN  
ON TOP NOTCH'S  
SENSATIONAL  
NEW CHARACTER,  
**STEEL!**

YES,  
**HANGMAN!**...  
THE ONE THAT  
THE BLACK  
HOOD'S BEEN  
RAVING ABOUT  
FOR WEEKS!  
BOY, IF HE'S  
HALF AS GOOD  
AS THEY SAY,  
WE'RE IN FOR  
A GOOD  
SHOW!

SENSATIONAL! SPECTACULAR!

**THE**

**WHO**

YOU ARE IN FOR THE

OKAY  
HOLD  
YOUR  
BREATH,  
BLACK  
JACK  
HERE IT  
COMES!

IT'S HIGH  
TIME, **HOOD**..  
BOY, YOU SURE  
CAN KEEP A  
SECRET! NOW,  
I'LL FINALLY  
FIND OUT ALL  
ABOUT THE  
**WEB!**

WHO IS THE WEB?  
WHAT IS THE WEB?  
YOU'LL GET THE  
ANSWERS IN  
**JULY** TOP NOTCH!  
DON'T SAY WE  
DIDN'T WARN YOU!

**"THE WEB"** appears in **JULY** Topnotch



NEW! DIFFERENT!!!  
**WEB**  
IS HE??  
SHOCK OF YOUR LIFE!

ROY'S BEEN  
SINGING THIS NEW  
CHARACTER'S PRAISES  
LONG AND LOUD,  
SHIELD!

SO HAS THE  
WIZARD AND  
THAT GUY HASN'T  
STEERED ME WRONG,  
YET! WE'RE IN FOR A  
GREAT SHOW!

OKAY,  
WIZARD,  
RING UP THE  
CURTAIN-AND  
LET 'ER  
RIP!

WE PREDICT  
THAT THE  
WEB WILL  
TAKE THE  
NATION BY  
STORM!  
A NEW  
HIGH IN  
COMIC EN-  
TERTAIN-  
MENT!

**THE WEB** appears in **JULY Topnotch**



# BLACK JACK

VERSUS "DEUCES" WILDE

LA WLESNESS RUNS RIFE THROUGHOUT THE CITY WITH A SINGLE FIGURE BATTLING HEROICALLY TO STEM THE TIDE. ONE LONE FIGURE ... AGAINST AN ORGANIZED HORDE THAT HAS BAFFLED THE ENTIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT. ONE LONE FIGURE STAKING HIS LIFE IN A GAMBLE AGAINST OVERWHELMING ODDS - WHERE THE CARDS ARE STACKED AND THE DEUCES WILD. AND THAT FIGURE ... BLACK JACK!





OUR STORY OPENS WITH A SLEEK, EXPENSIVE CAR DARTING INTO A SEEMINGLY BLIND ALLEY -



IT WAS MADNESS FOR DEUCES WILDE TO SEND YOU TO MY HOUSE!

CLAM UP! WE'RE BOTH TAKING ORDERS FROM DEUCE!



AND PERCHED ATOP THE CAR - BLACK JACK -

HMM! WM. KENT, PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL TAKING ORDERS FROM WILDE - VERY INTERESTING!



A KNOCK ON THE BARE, BRICK WALL BRINGS CURIOUS RESULTS -



OH, IT'S YOU, SPIKE - JUST A SECOND!



A PORTION OF THE BRICK WALL SLIDES BACK AND THE DUO ENTER -



WHILE IN THE CAR -

NOT A BAD JOB DEUCES GAVE ME - PLAYING CHAUFFEUR TO KENT!



SUDDENLY -



DRAGGING THE UNCONSCIOUS CHAUFFEUR ALONG BLACK JACK RAPS ON THE WALL -















I'M SORRY BUT IT'S ALL OVER. HE'S PASSED AWAY!



MEANWHILE IN KENT'S APARTMENT -

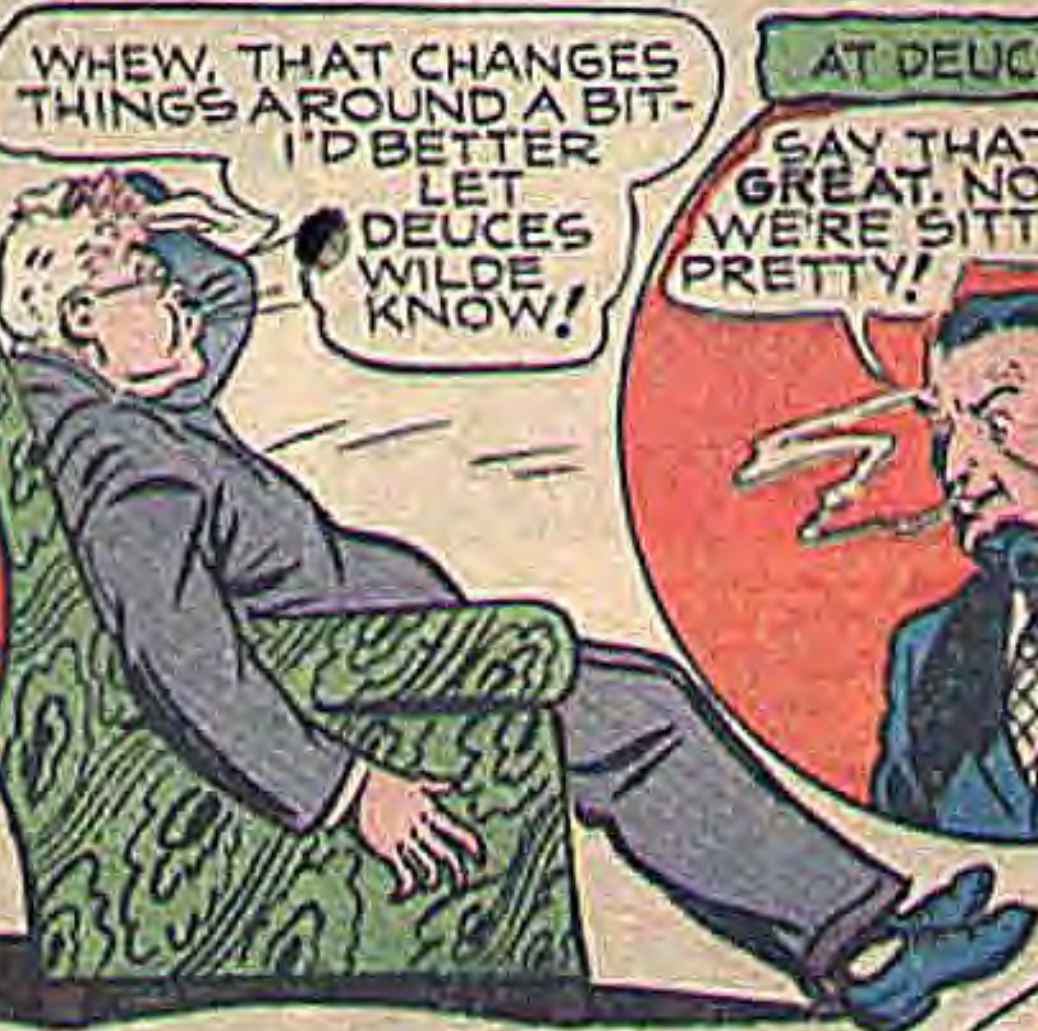
I HAVEN'T A MINUTE TO LOSE. THE POLICE MAY BE HERE ANY MOMENT - THE PHONE! WHO - WHO CAN THAT BE?



Y-Y-YES. THIS IS KENT SPEAKING! WHAT IS IT? THE MAYOR?... WH-WHAT ABOUT THE MAYOR?



WHAT'S THAT? HE'S DEAD AND I'M THE NEW MAYOR -- HOW - WHAT ---



WHEW. THAT CHANGES THINGS AROUND A BIT - I'D BETTER LET DEUCES WILDE KNOW!



AT DEUCE'S PLACE -

SAY THAT'S GREAT. NOW WE'RE SITTING PRETTY!



ALL YOU'VE GOTTA DO IS GET OUT A WARRANT FOR BLACK JACK'S ARREST AND THAT PUTS HIM ON ICE. HE HASN'T GOT A CHANCE!



DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE CHARGE. I'VE STILL GOT THAT GUN WITH HIS FINGER-PRINTS ON IT. IT'S ALL WE NEED! BLACK JACK'S GONNA HAVE A MURDER RAP PINNED ON HIM!



OKAY - MUGGEY - THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO REALLY DO ME A FAVOR!

WAIT - BOSS!









WHAT A CRAZY  
SET-UP! WHO'S  
GOING TO AR-  
REST KENT?  
HE'S GOT THE  
WHOLE TOWN  
SEWED UP. HE'S  
EVEN GOT A  
MURDER  
CHARGE  
ON YOU!



AND I CAN'T DISOBEY  
ORDERS TO ARREST YOU..  
BUT IF YOU SHOULD  
SOMEHOW ESCAPE  
AND GET TO THE  
GOVERNOR WITH  
THAT EVIDENCE!



THANKS,  
COMMISSIONER!



THE WHOLE  
POLICE DE-  
PARTMENT  
WILL BE SEARCH-  
ING FOR ME.  
I'VE GOT TO  
WORK FAST!



UNION STATION, BUDDY,  
AND FORGET THE SPEED  
LIMIT!

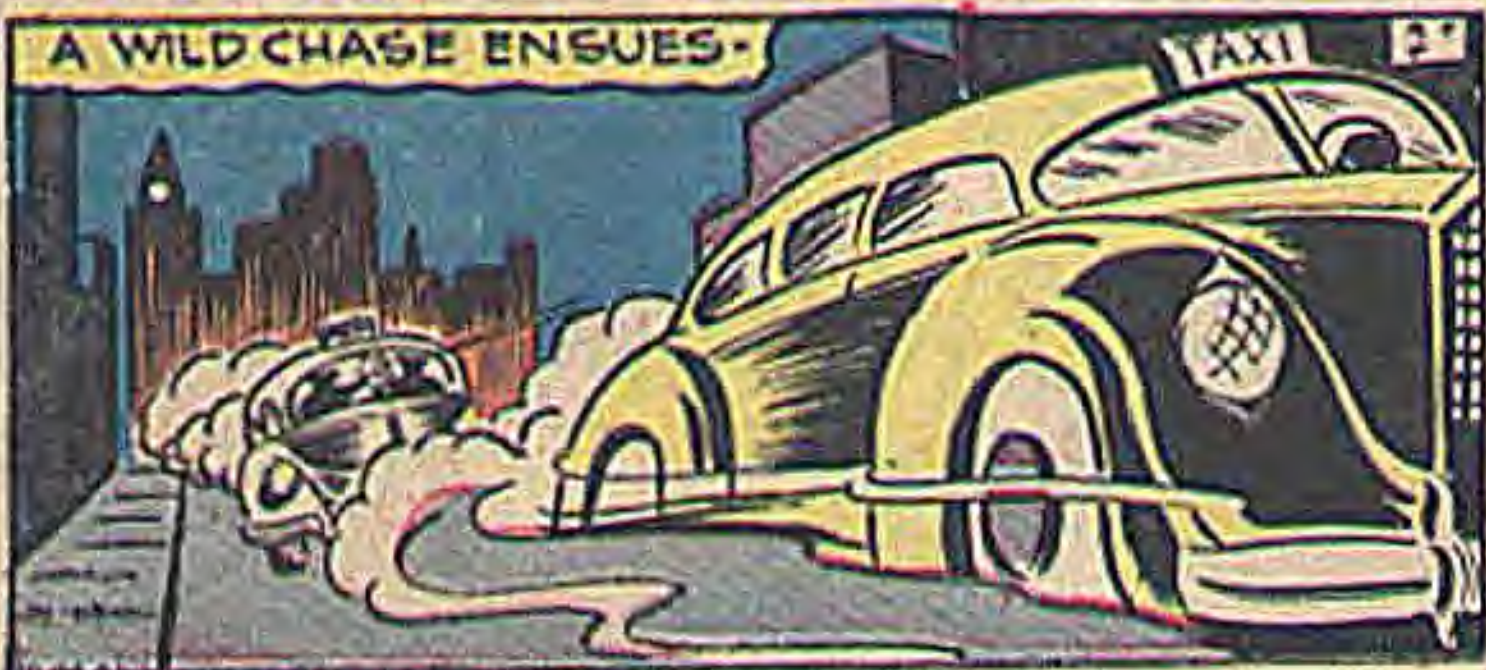


A POLICE CAR SPOTS  
BLACK JACK



ULP!

STEP  
ASIDE, BUDDY.  
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW  
TO MAKE THIS  
PEANUT-STAND  
WHISTLE!



A WILD CHASE ENSUES-



BLACK JACK SUDDENLY  
DARTS INTO A  
SIDE STREET-



















THEY HAVEN'T CAUGHT BLACK JACK YET... AND I WON'T FEEL SAFE UNTIL THEY DO! THAT MAN'S GOT ME FRIGHTENED!



STOP WORRYING, KENT. WE'RE SAFE NOW.. NO BODY IN THE WORLD CAN TOUCH US! NOT WHILE YOU'RE THE MAYOR!



MR. KENT, THE POLICE COMMISSIONER IS HERE AND BLACK JACK IS WITH HIM!



THEN THEY GOT HIM AT LAST!

GET BEHIND THAT DRAPE, WILDE! I DON'T WANT THE COMMISSIONER TO SEE YOU!



WELCOME, COMMISSIONER! I SEE YOU'VE CAUGHT UP WITH THE SCOUNDREL... GOOD WORK!



ALL RIGHT, MEN - ARREST HIM!

UH - WHAT'S THIS? YOU CAN'T ARREST ME I'M THE MAYOR OF THIS CITY!

AND THESE MEN ARE SPECIAL DEPUTIES FROM THE GOVERNOR, KENT. BLACK JACK HAS PUT YOUR LITTLE GAME ON ICE - FOR KEEPS!



A PAIR OF FEET BEHIND THAT CURTAIN, AND I THINK I KNOW THE HEEL THAT'S STANDING ON THEM!

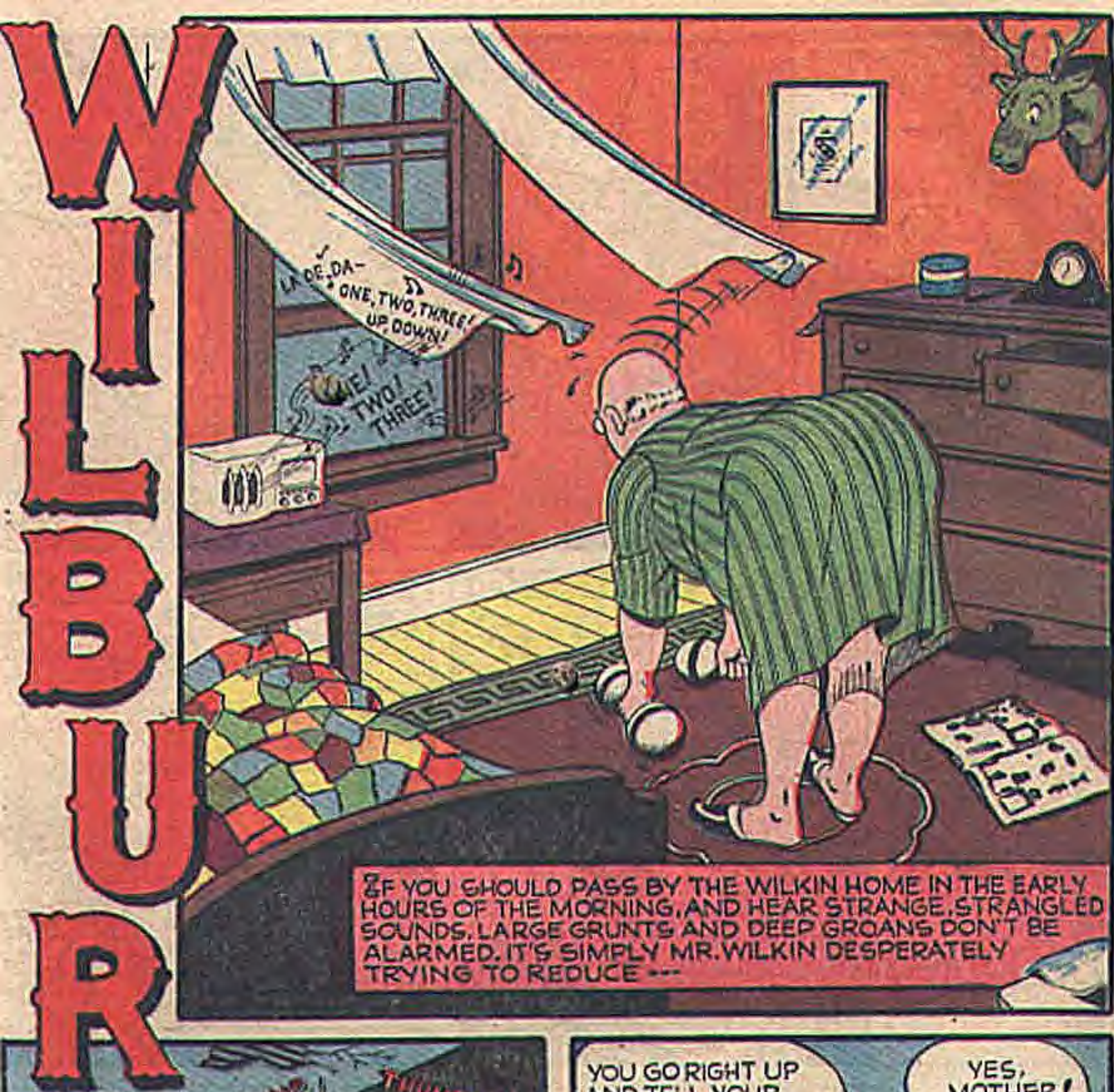






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INDIAN CLUBS (WHEEZE)  
GREAT STUFF FOR  
THAT OLD TUMMY  
(GASP)!



DAD!  
OH, DAD!  
1-2-3-4  
1-2-3-  
HUH?



WHAT  
IS IT  
WILBUR?



**BONG!**



WILBUR!..  
DON'T EVER  
DO THAT  
AGAIN...  
OOOHH -  
MY  
HEAD!

WELL, GEE, WHIZ  
DAD, MOM  
ASKED ME TO  
COME UP!



SHE SAYS TO  
STOP THOSE  
EXERCISES  
RIGHT AWAY!

NOW, ISN'T THAT  
JUST LIKE A WO-  
MAN?... SHE  
KNOWS I'VE  
GOT TO  
REDUCE!



OR I'LL NEVER BE  
ABLE TO LEAD THE  
AMERICAN LEGION  
PARADE NEXT  
SUNDAY!

IS THAT  
YOUR  
UNIFORM,  
POP?



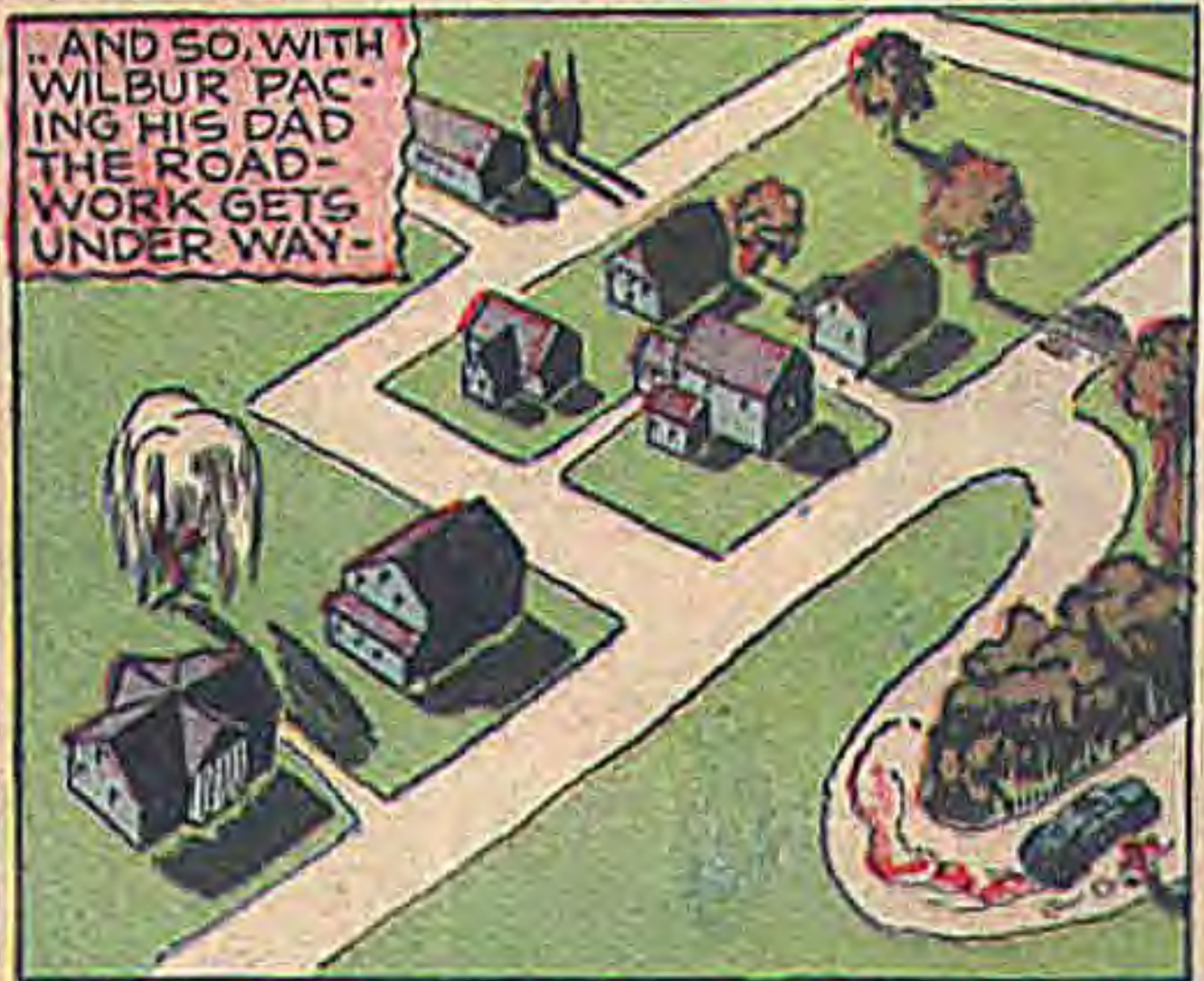
YES, AND IT'S-  
ER-A TRIFLE  
SMALL!

HAW-HAW-  
YOU'LL NEED  
A YEAR'S EXER-  
CISE TO GET  
THAT ON!



SAY, DAD! I KNOW JUST  
THE THING TO KNOCK  
OFF WEIGHT FAST -  
ROAD-WORK!







AND SO MR WILKIN TAKES HIS ROAD WORK THE HARD WAY-



(PUFF) WILBURR! STOP!  
(GASP) TH-THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ONE DAY (WHEEZE! M...MY FEET ARE KILLING ME! (PUFF))



OKAY, DAD! HOP IN!

I I DON'T WANT TO RUN FROM COAST TO COAST! LET'S START BACK!



I... WAS NEVER SO EXHAUSTED IN MY LIFE!  
(GASP)



WELL, IT'LL BE A LOT EASIER GOING BACK, DAD!

HEY... SHE WON'T START!



WILBUR, THIS IS NO TIME FOR JOKING!

BUT I'M NOT JOKING, DAD! THE MOTOR'S DEAD!



GREAT CLOUDS OF BRIMSTONE! IT'S DEAD ALL RIGHT!



AND AS DUGG GETTLES OVER WESTFIELD -

ONLY FOUR MORE MILES TO GO, DAD!  
OWOO! MY FEET ARE KILLING ME!



WILBUR, I'M STARVED! WONDER WHERE YOUR MOTHER IS T OH, MARY!

LOOK, DAD, A NOTE!





Dear Robert -  
Virginia and I went to  
the movies. There's cold  
chicken in the Frigidaire  
for you and Wilbur.  
And in case you're still  
serious about reducing,  
there's a big surprise  
for you in your bed-  
room.

Mary



BLESS ME!  
YOUR MOTHER  
BOUGHT ME  
A REDUCING  
MACHINE!

BOY,  
IT SURE  
IS SNAZZY!

YES-AND ALSO  
SENSIBLE. I  
SHOULD HAVE  
THOUGHT OF THIS  
MYSELF!

WELL,  
ROAD-WORK  
HAS ITS  
ADVANTAGES  
TOO, DAD!



AH! THIS IS THE LIFE!  
SO RESTFUL. JUST LIKE  
A TURKISH BATH! I'LL  
REDUCE IN NO TIME,  
NOW!



WILBUR,  
THE DOOR-  
BELL'S  
RINGING!

I'LL  
ANSWER  
IT!



ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT,  
TAKE IT EASY- I'M  
COMING!



HIYA,  
EDDIE!  
WHAT'S  
UP?

PULLENTY!  
C'MON OUT  
AND SEE  
FOR YOUR-  
SELF!



THIS IS ROSE MARIE,  
WILBUR! SHE JUST MOVED  
INTO TOWN!

HELLO,  
WILBUR!

(GULP) HIYA,  
ROSE  
MARIE!

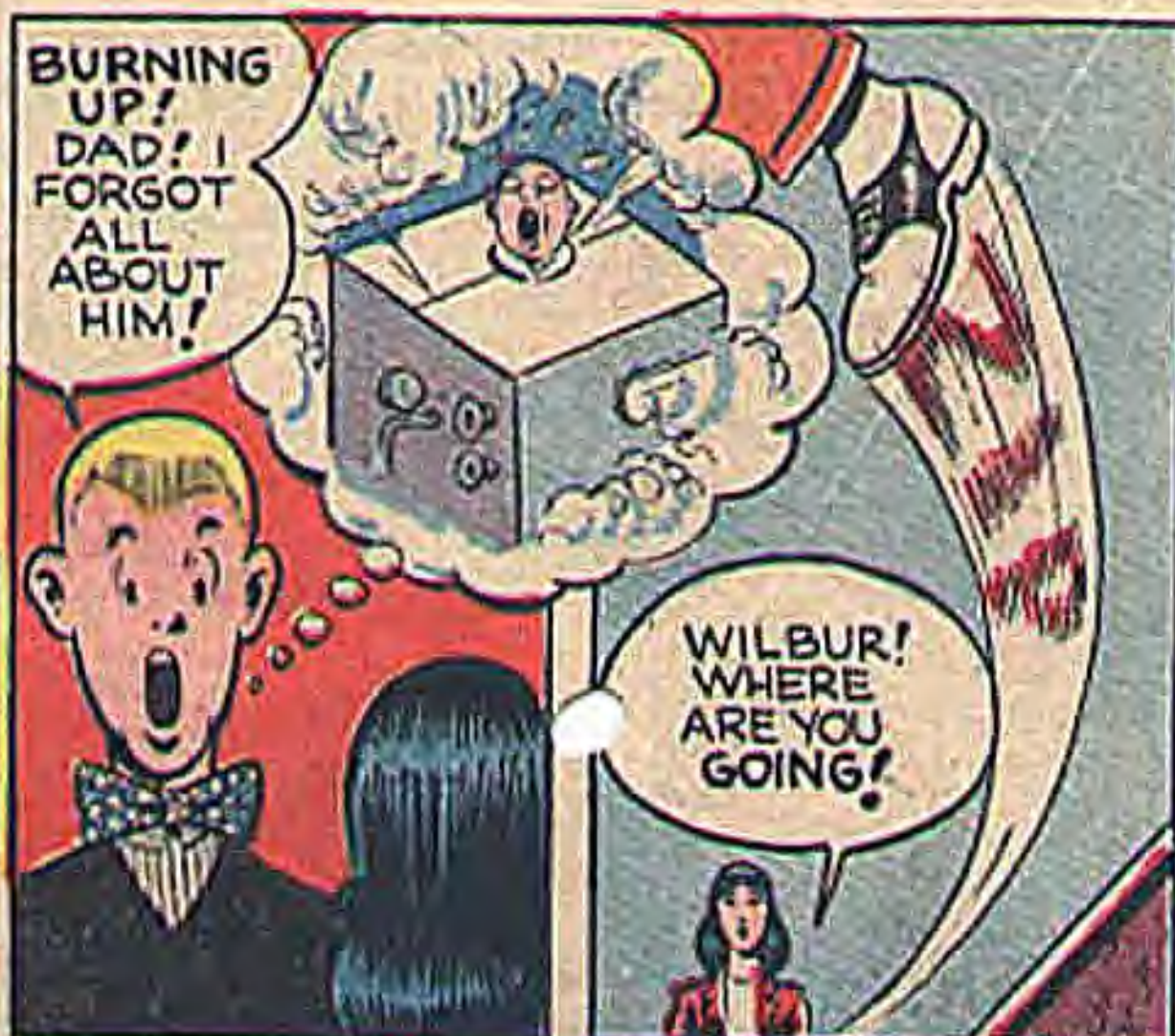


TEN MINUTES LATER-

BOY, YOU'RE SURE A  
KEEN NUMBER,  
ROSE MARIE!

TEE HEE -  
YOU'RE CUTE  
TOO, WILBUR!  
LET'S  
DANCE





DROP A FAREWELL LINE TO ARTIST LIN STREETER, GANG - HE'S GOING TO THE ARMY - 60 HUDSON ST. N.Y.C. RM. 315



# CAPTAIN

# VALOR

OF THE  
UNITED STATES  
MARINES

ONE PEACEFUL NIGHT. HE  
IS WALKING ALONG THE  
BEACH FRONT

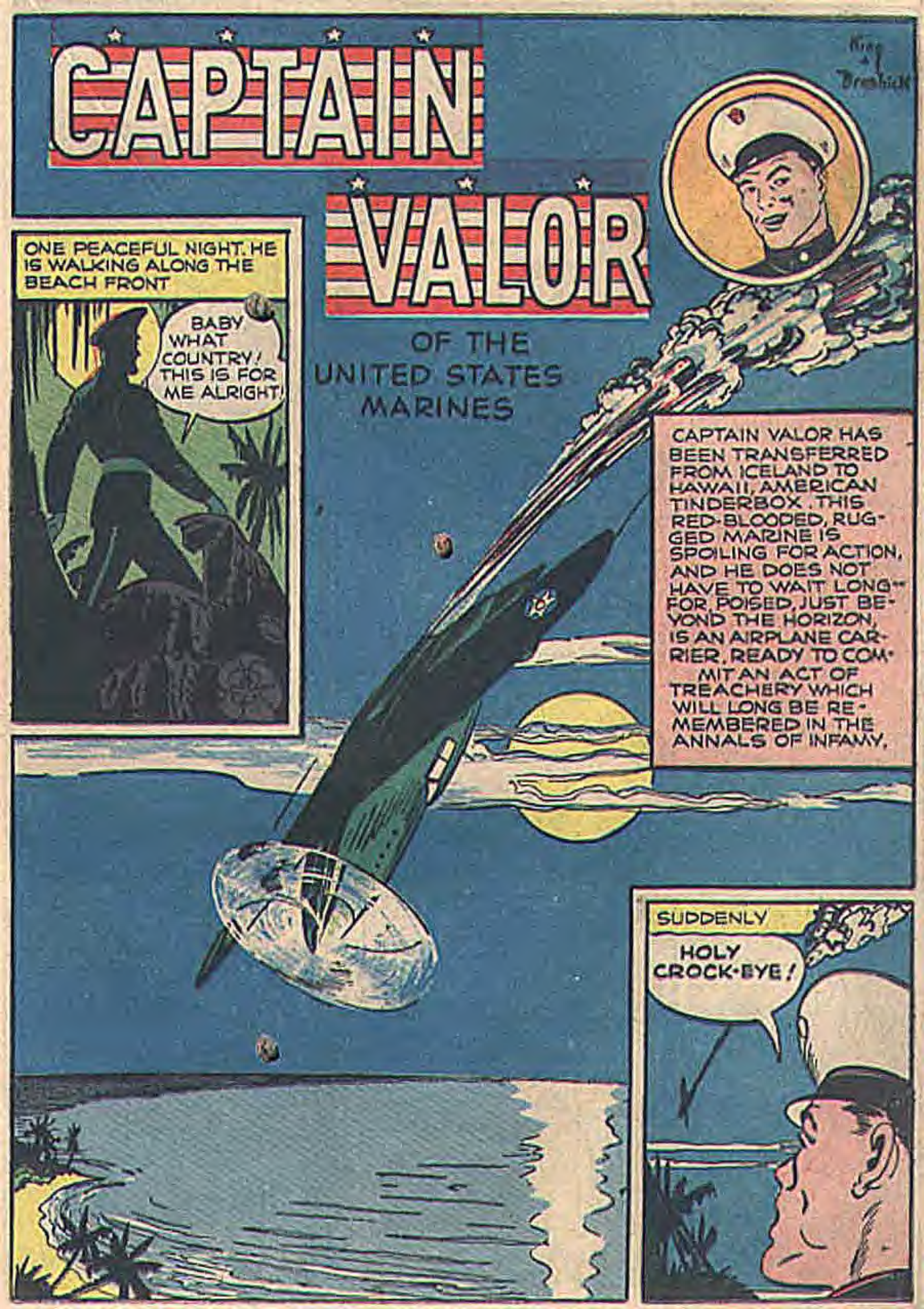
BABY  
WHAT  
COUNTRY!  
THIS IS FOR  
ME ALRIGHT!



CAPTAIN VALOR HAS  
BEEN TRANSFERRED  
FROM ICELAND TO  
HAWAII, AMERICAN  
TINDERBOX. THIS  
RED-BLOODED, RUG-  
GED MARINE IS  
SPOILING FOR ACTION,  
AND HE DOES NOT  
HAVE TO WAIT LONG--  
FOR, POISED, JUST BE-  
YOND THE HORIZON,  
IS AN AIRPLANE CAR-  
RIER, READY TO COM-  
MIT AN ACT OF  
TREACHERY WHICH  
WILL LONG BE RE-  
MEMBERED IN THE  
ANNALS OF INFAMY.

SUDDENLY

HOLY  
CROCK-EYE!















ORDERLY, HAVE CAPTAIN VALOR CONFINED TO HIS QUARTERS!

(GULP) WHO ME?



I'LL PROBABLY BE COURT MARTIALED FOR THIS--- BUT YOU'RE FORCING ME TO DO IT!

OOOF



HEY, YOU CAN'T HIT THE COLONEL!



CLAM UP AND COME WITH ME EGG HEAD!



YOU'RE IN THIS WITH ME!

WHERE ARE WE GOIN'?



HEY BUDDY! SOUND THE ALARM, HURRY!

SORRY FRIEND, MY ORDERS COME FROM THE COLONEL!



GREAT JUPITER!---- WHAT A SPOT!---- THOSE BOMBERS MAY BE HERE ANY MOMENT!---- I'VE GOT TO GET AN ALARM SOUNDED--- WELL, I'LL TRY ONCE MORE!



KNOCK OFF, WILL YA LEATHER-NECK! NEXT TIME SAVE ME A DRINK OF THE SAME STUFF!

BUT!



WHAT'LL WE DO NOW, CAP?

I'VE GOT IT, THAT FIRE ALARM BOX!





SEE THAT GRASS, ROOF-ED SHACK, WE'LL GO DOWN AND BZZZZZZ!

GOTCHA-CAP!



AS GOOP HURRIES OFF, VALOR DASHES TO A NEAR-BY FIRE ALARM BOX.



AND RINGS THE ALARM.



A FEW MOMENTS LATER

WHIRRRR

THE BRAVE FIRE LADDIES RUSH TO THE BURNING BUILDING---



THERE IT IS!



WHAT THE DEVIL ARE YOU DOING?

WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG!



JUST HAVIN' A HOT TIME FOR MYSELF / SO LONG SUCKERS!

HEY!



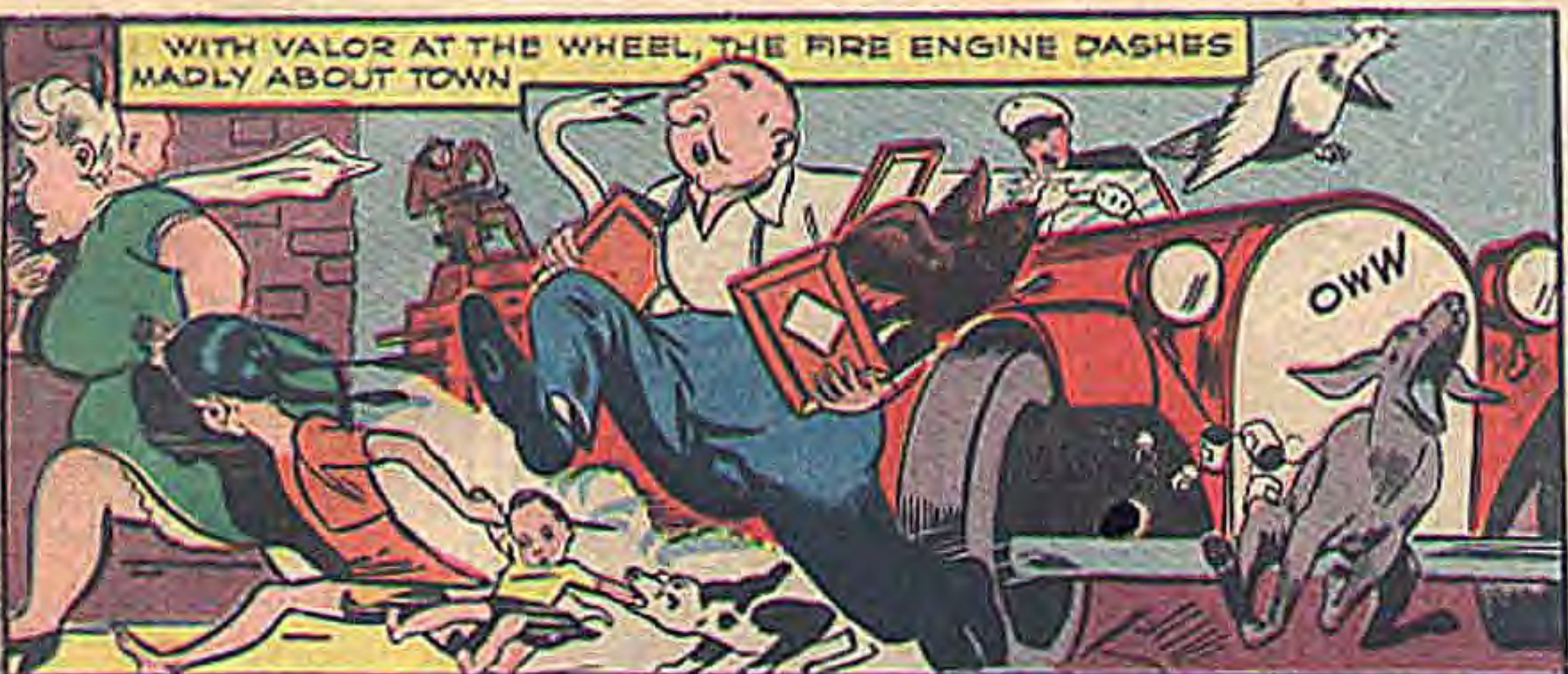
WHILE OUTSIDE

HANG ON, GOOP!

LET'ER RIP, CAP!



WITH VALOR AT THE WHEEL, THE FIRE ENGINE DASHES MADLY ABOUT TOWN



SOUNDING THE SIGNAL FOR THE AIR RAID ALARM.



HEY! YOU ON?/X  
GIMME BACK MY TOWEL!

THAT'S THE AIR RAID SIGNAL, SOUND OFF, HURRY!

YES SIR!



INSTANTLY THE ISLAND BECOMES A BEE HIVE, AS MEN RUSH TO THEIR DEFENSE POSTS!



THEN, ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, COMES A GRIM SWARM OF ENEMY FIGHTER PLANES!







THE ENEMY BOMBERS  
DROP THEIR EGGS OF  
DESTRUCTION.



HOWEVER, THE BRAVE  
DEFENDERS STRIKE  
BACK WITH TELLING  
EFFECT---



AND SOON AMERICAN  
PURSUIT PLANES ARE  
IN THE AIR, PUTTING  
THEIR FOE TO ROUT!



LATER AT HEADQUARTERS--

CAPTAIN VALOR, YOUR  
QUICK THINKING IN THIS  
TIME OF EMERGENCY  
HELPED SAVE MANY  
LIVES, AND WERE  
VERY PROUD OF YOU!  
HOWEVER, DESPITE  
THE CIRCUMSTANCES--



STRIKING A SUPERIOR  
OFFICER CAN NEVER  
BE TOLERATED WITHOUT  
SUITABLE PUNISHMENT.  
IN YOUR CASE WE CAN  
BE LENIENT AND MERE-  
LY DEMOTE  
YOU TO RANK  
OF SERGEANT!

YES  
SIR!



MEANWHILE,  
GOOP UN-  
ABLE TO  
RESIST  
LET'S FLY--

HEY!



THAT LUMMOX!  
I WONDER,---I'LL  
SOON FIND OUT!



AND OH, I FOR-  
GOT TO TELL YOU  
THAT I THINK  
YOU'RE OKAY  
TOO, GOOP!

SLAP

GULP!



GULP! I  
SWALLOWED  
MY BEEBEEES!

HA  
HA

HA  
HA




# STORIES OF The BLACK WITCH...



SO-MY CURIOUS  
FRIEND-YOUR  
SNOOPING GOT  
YOU STUCK EH...  
HEH HEH.

IN THE EERIE GLOW  
OF THE FIRES EMBERS,  
A STRANGE TALE IS  
TOLD BY THE BLACK  
WITCH. A TALE OF  
DEATH AND HORROR.  
THE STORY OF THE  
BLACK CAT OF  
DOOM.



I KNOW A STORY ABOUT  
ANOTHER CAT WHO GOT  
STUCK INSIDE A WALL!  
MAYBE IT WILL  
INTEREST YOU-  
HEH, HEH  
HEH.



MY STORY STARTS IN A SMALL TOWN, WHERE A CRIPPLED WOMAN IS STROKING HER LARGE BLACK CAT!



HULLO SHWEEHEART, GLAD TO SHEE ME!



GET OFFA ME YA CONFOUNDED NUISANCE!

JED, DON'T YOU DRUNKEN FOOL!



ARE YOU ALRIGHT BLACKY? DID HE HURT YOU?

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THAT CURSED CAT! I'M WARNING YOU! GET RID OF HIM!



DON'T WORRY BLACKY, YOU'RE THE ONLY FRIEND I'VE GOT! I'LL PROTECT YOU!



YOU'RE A FOOL FOR PUTTING UP WITH THAT CRIPPLE, JED!



WHY DON'T YOU GET RID OF HER! THEN WE CAN GET MARRIED.



I'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHIN' I'M SICK OF BEIN' TIED DOWN TO HER AND THAT CAT!





LATER

WHAT THE! WHAT WAS THAT?



THAT BLACK DEVIL OF A CAT!



I'LL GET RID OF HIM ONCE AND FOR ALL!

JED! JED! STOP!



LET GO OF ME!

DON'T, YOU FOOL! YOU'RE DRUNK. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!



I TOLD YOU TO LET GO! MAYBE THIS'LL STOP YOU!



MY GOD I'VE KILLED HER! WHAT'LL I DO!



I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT! SHE MADE ME ANGRY. I WAS BLIND WITH RAGE!



I'VE GOT TO GET RID OF HER, SO NO ONE FINDS OUT ABOUT THIS!



I'VE GOT IT! THE WALL!









.... GO AWAY. I CAN'T STAND IT. THAT FACE, AND THAT CAT. THEY'RE HAUNTING ME!



A GOOD STIFF DRINK IS WHAT I NEED!



THAT WHEEL CHAIR/EVERYTHING TO REMIND ME OF HER!



I CAN'T STAND IT, I'M GOING MAD... GO AWAY!



A SHORT WHILE LATER. WHAT DO YOU WANT HERE?

WHAT'S GOING ON? WHO'S DOING ALL THAT YELLING?



THE NEIGHBORS COMPLAINED ABOUT SOME TERRIFYING SCREAMS COMING FROM IN HERE!



WHERE'S YOUR WIFE?

GET OUT OF HERE AND MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS. SHE'S NOT HERE!



SOMETHING'S FISHY AROUND HERE!

YEAH. I THINK WE BETTER HAVE A LOOK AROUND!



LET'S START DOWN THE CELLAR!

I TELL YA YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG HERE!







NOTHING DOWN HERE!

EVERYTHING SEEMS OKAY!



SEE I TOLD YA!



JUST THEN AS THE POLICE ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE A STRANGE MUFFLED SOUND IS HEARD.

WHAT'S THAT?

IT CAME FROM IN THERE! SOUNDS LIKE A CAT!



DON'T DO IT I TELL YA, YOU WON'T FIND ANYTHING THERE! YOU'RE CRAZY!



AS THE WALL IS RIPPED OPEN, THE BODY FALLS OUT, AND THERE PERCHED ON ITS HEAD IS THE BLACK CAT!

MEOWRR



THAT CAT'S BEWITCHED I TELL YA. HOW'D IT GET IN THERE!



TAKE ME AWAY FROM IT. IT'S THE DEVIL HIMSELF, I KNOW IT!



BEWITCHED, EH? THE DEVIL, HM? PERHAPS HE'S RIGHT!



# War Eagles

## the devil's flying twins

TIM AND TOM SHANE, THE DEVIL'S TWINS, AND THEIR PAL, SWEN ARE ON THEIR WAY TO JOIN THE ALLIES IN LIBY. AFTER AN ADVENTURE WITH GUERILLA BANDS FIGHTING THE GERMAN IN CRETE /----- COMES THE DAWN -----

BY GOLLY,  
WE'VE OVERSHOT  
CAIRO BY QUITE A  
BIT--WE'RE OUT IN  
THE DESERT!

BY YUMPIN' YIMMINY,  
DERE BAN BE DE  
PYRAMIDS!

HEY, LOOK!  
A LONE RIDER WAY  
OUT HERE. MEBBE WE  
SHOULD INVESTIGATE!

WHY,  
IT'S  
A GIRL!

SHE'S SHORE  
IN A HURRY--  
SAY, THAT  
LOOKS  
LIKE  
HELEN!

HELEN?  
NO, IT COULDN'T  
BE, BUT I'LL  
SWING OVER  
HER AGAIN TO  
MAKE SURE!

BY!  
ED SHALLE  
#2







A SHORT TIME LATER-

WE'RE  
SLOWING  
YOU  
DOWN  
A LOT,  
HELEN!

CHEER UP,  
BOYS!  
THERE'S  
YOUR NEXT  
STOP, NOW!

PY GOLLY,  
I BAN SEE DE  
NAZIS, HEY,  
POYS, LOOK!

HEY!  
WAIT  
FOR  
ME!

WE'LL NEVER REACH  
THE PYRAMIDS IN TIME!  
TRY FOR THE SPHINX -  
WE MUST GET TO  
COVER!



THE NAZIS CLOSE IN  
RAPIDLY -

SPREAD  
OUT, MEN!



GOOT! VE  
GOT DEM  
CORNERED!

DEY'RE  
GOINK  
INTO DER  
SPHINX!



HELEN,  
YOU AND SWEN  
TAKE THE HORSES  
INSIDE. TOM AND I  
WILL MAKE A STAND  
HERE!



THEY'VE GOT  
US FLANKED  
BY THOSE  
PAWS. WE  
BETTER  
RETREAT!



WHAT IS THIS - THE END OF  
THE PASSAGE! THEN WE  
ARE TRAPPED!



WHEW -  
I BAN  
TIRED  
OUT!

SWEN,  
KEEP THE  
HORSES  
STILL!  
SWEN,  
DO YOU  
HEAR  
ME?

HE'S  
DISAPPEARED  
!!









MEANWHILE THE NAZIS HAVE CAUTIOUSLY ENTERED THE SPHINX. I'VE SHALL GO IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, YOU TWO FIRST LIND SEE IF DER COAST IS CLEAR!



OH, VY DIDI HAFF TO HAVE A NAME LIKE ADOLPH!

L-LOOK DERE'S A LIGHT AHEAD!



THE CURSE OF ANCIENT EGYPT IS NOW UPON YOU!



OKAY, TIM LET 'EM HAVE IT!

HELP HE--OOF!



GOLLY THEY ALMOST CAUGHT US UN- PREPARED!

THAT CRY WILL BRING THE REST OF 'EM, EVERYBODY GET SET FOR ACTION!



WHOEVER ENTERS THIS DOOR SHALL DIE A THOUSAND DEATHS.

YOU TWO GO IN DERE UN-

NOT US! THAT PLACE IS HAUNTED.



ALRIGHT D'VE SHALL ALL GO IN/FOLLOW ME.



THE NAZIS ENTER THE SECRET CHAMBER

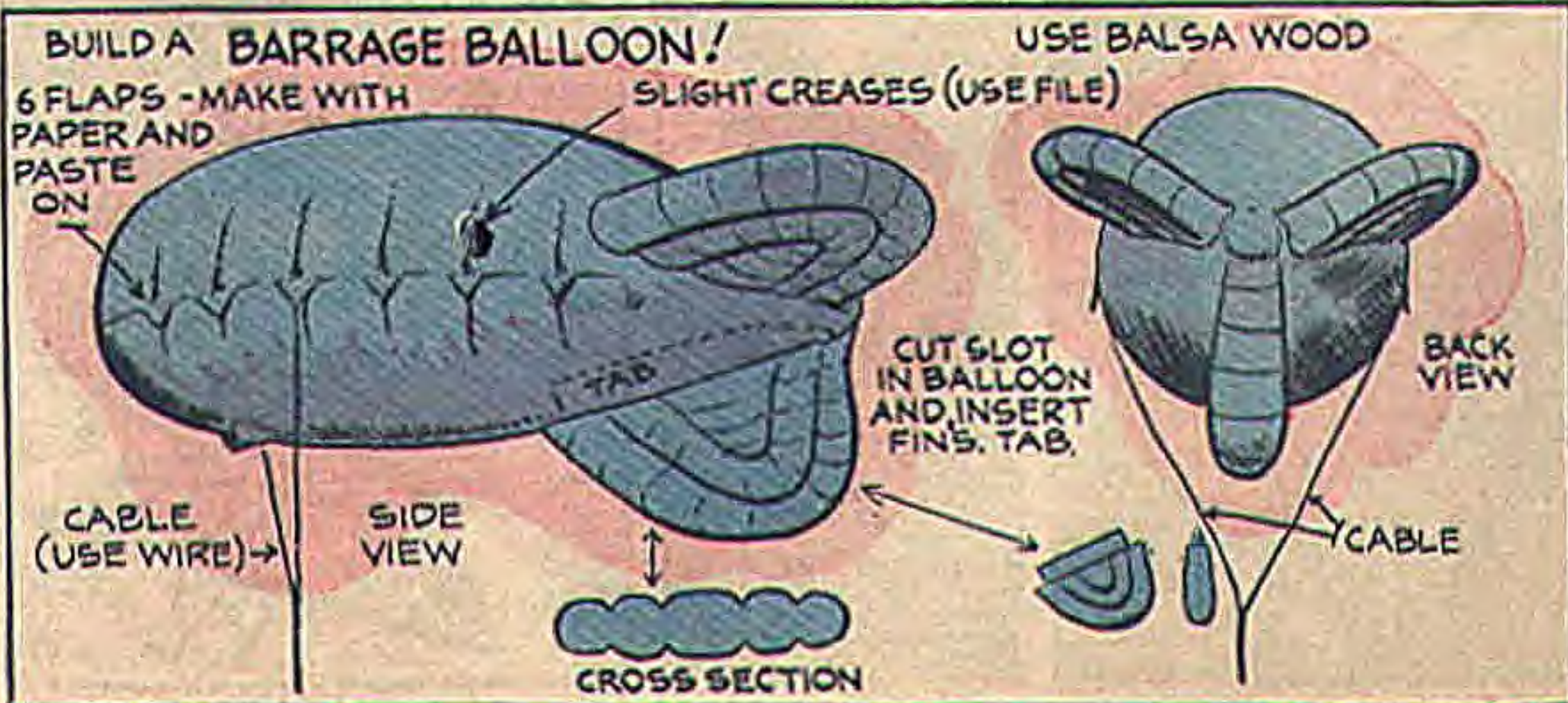
FOOLS! YOU WERE WARNED-NOW YOU SHALL MEET YOUR FATE!

DUNNER VETTER!

VAT IS?









# DICKY

## IN THE MAGIC FOREST

THE ONLY WAY THE MEDUSA, WHO IS RAVAGING PANDORA, CAN BE DESTROYED, IS BY ITS OWN OFF-SPRING. DICKY HAS GONE TO THE PEAK OF A VERY TREACHEROUS MOUNTAIN, WHERE HE CAN OBTAIN A MEDUSA EGG. AND HE IS ATTACKED BY A HUGE EAGLE!





THIS EGG IS THE ONLY  
THING THAT CAN SAVE  
PANORA!



I DON'T WANT  
TO TAKE ANY  
CHANCES WITH  
IT!



I'D BETTER NOT WASTE  
ANY TIME, THE ME-  
DUSA'S PROBABLY  
WILD!



MEANWHILE THE MEDUSA EN-  
RAGED AT THE LOSS OF THE  
EGG HAS STARTED ON A  
RAMPAGE ----

I'LL DESTROY  
EVERYTHING,  
AND EVERYBODY  
I COME ACROSS!



NO ONE WILL  
ESCAPE ME!



RANTING AND RAV-  
ING, HE SETS OUT  
FOR PANORA.



MEANWHILE

LET'S GO MAGIC  
BROOM, NO TIME  
TO LOSE!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER

BOY! IS  
HE SORE!



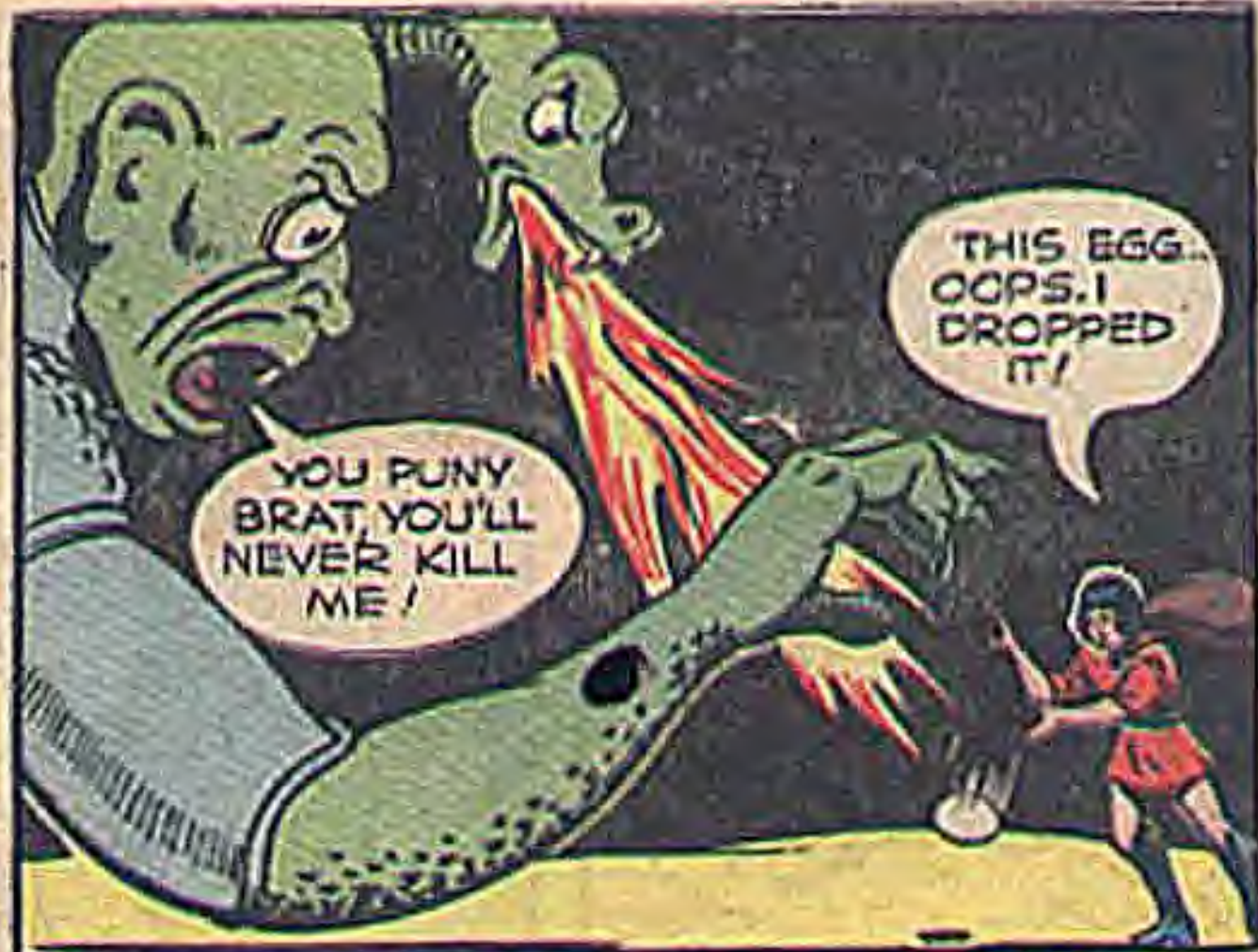
YOU CURSED FOOL!  
YOU'LL BE THE FIRST  
TO DIE!

WHERE  
DO YOU  
THINK  
YOU'RE  
GOING??





YOU'RE THE ONLY THING THAT'S GOING TO DIE AROUND HERE! THIS EGG MEANS YOUR DOOM!



NOW, HE CAN NEVER BE DEFEATED



COME ON YOU UGLY BRUTE, I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU WITH MY MAGIC SWORD!



LOPING OFF SERPENT AFTER SERPENT, DICKY FIGHTS VALIANTLY-BUT TO NO AVAIL---

AS SOON AS I CUT ONE OFF ANOTHER GROWS!



SUDDENLY! MY MAGIC CLOCK, WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT BEFORE?



HA, HA! MAYBE YOU'RE BEGINNING TO REALIZE HOW FOOLISH YOUR EFFORTS ARE

HERE IT IS!



I'LL SET IT BACK AN HOUR, AND THE EGG WILL REGAIN THE FORM IT HAD AT THE TIME!

TICK TOCK









MADLY, THE  
MEDUSA TRIES  
TO KILL ITS  
OFFSPRING BE-  
FORE IT CAN  
GROW ANYMORE,  
BUT TO NO  
AVAIL!



THE FORCE OF THE MIGHTY ENCOUNTER  
CARRIES TO PANORA AND THE  
CITY TREMBLES.



AND THE PEOPLE ARE THROWN INTO  
PANIC—  
IT'S THE END OF THE  
WORLD!  
AN  
EARTHQUAKE!  
NO, LOOK!  
IT'S THE  
MONSTER!



AS THE  
MONSTERS  
CONTINUE  
TO FLAIL  
EACH OTHER  
MERCILESSLY.



THEY'VE STOPPED  
FIGHTING!

THEY'RE  
DEAD!  
THEY'VE KILLED  
EACH OTHER!



THE CROWD RUSHES  
TO THE SCENE --



THEN AS THE  
DUST CLOUDS  
FADE AWAY,  
DICKY STEPS  
FORTH---

IT'S  
DICKY!



THE MONSTER IS DEAD, DICKY!  
BUT THAT STILL DOESN'T  
BRING BACK OUR CROPS  
WHICH HE DESTROYED!

THAT'S  
TRUE!



BUT DON'T WORRY-I  
CAN TAKE CARE OF  
THAT --- YOU WATCH  
THIS!



DICKY POURS  
THE MAGIC  
LIQUID ON  
THE DESTROYED  
CROPS--



AND IMMEDIATELY  
THEY BURST INTO  
FULL BLOOM---



WHY, I CAN'T  
BELIEVE MY  
EYES!

YOU'VE SAVED  
PANORA, DICKY!

NOW WE HAVE NO  
FEAR OF STARVING!  
EVERYTHING IS  
ALRIGHT AGAIN!



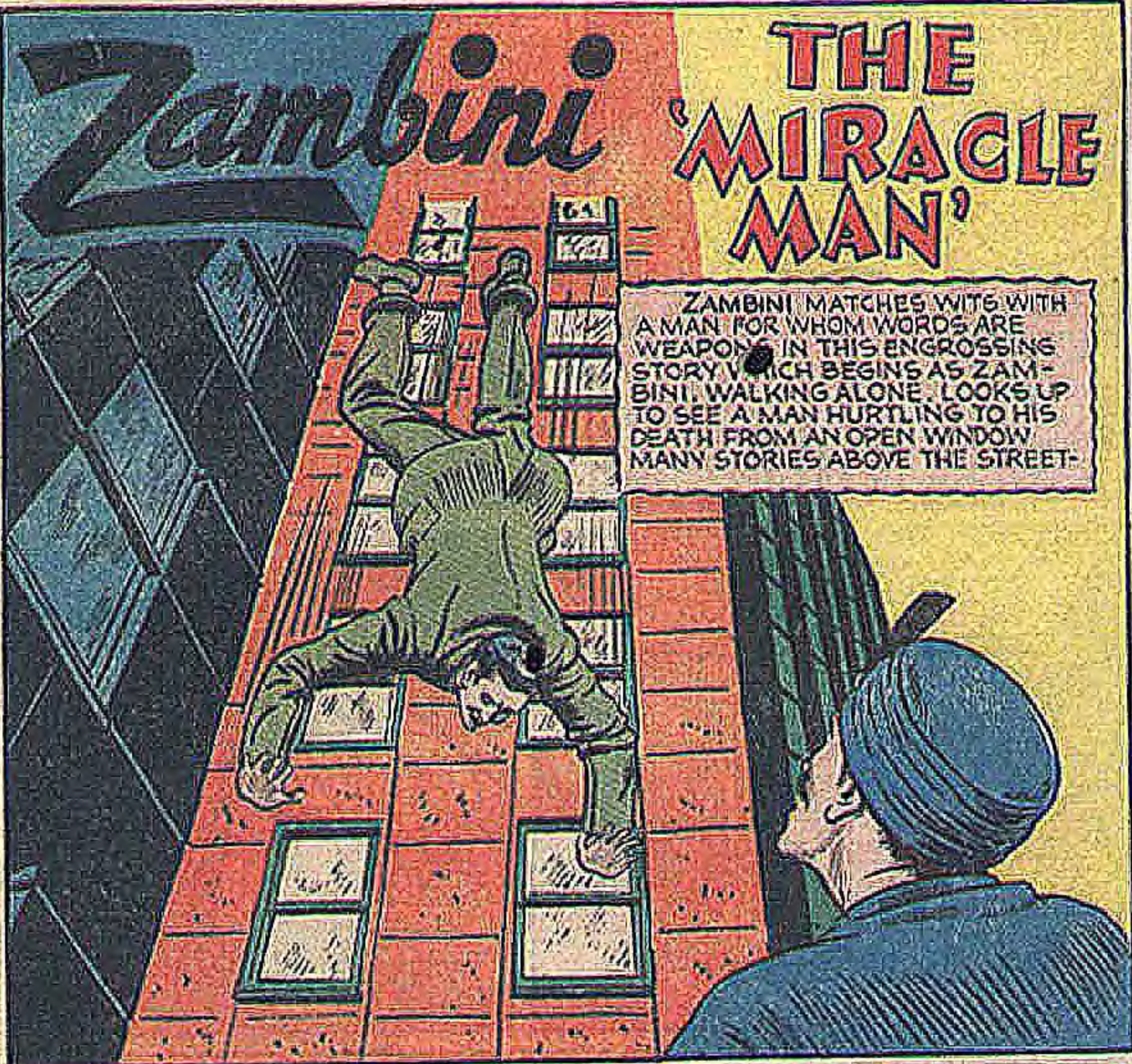
AND SO, ONCE MORE, DUE TO DICKY'S  
MAGIC ARTICLES, PEACE, HAPPINESS  
AND PROSPERITY RETURN TO PANORA.



# Zambini

# THE 'MIRACLE MAN'

ZAMBINI MATCHES WITS WITH A MAN FOR WHOM WORDS ARE WEAPONS IN THIS ENGROSSING STORY WHICH BEGINS AS ZAMBINI, WALKING ALONE, LOOKS UP TO SEE A MAN HURLING TO HIS DEATH FROM AN OPEN WINDOW MANY STORIES ABOVE THE STREET.



ZAMBINI RUBS HIS MAGIC BOOMERANGS AMULET...



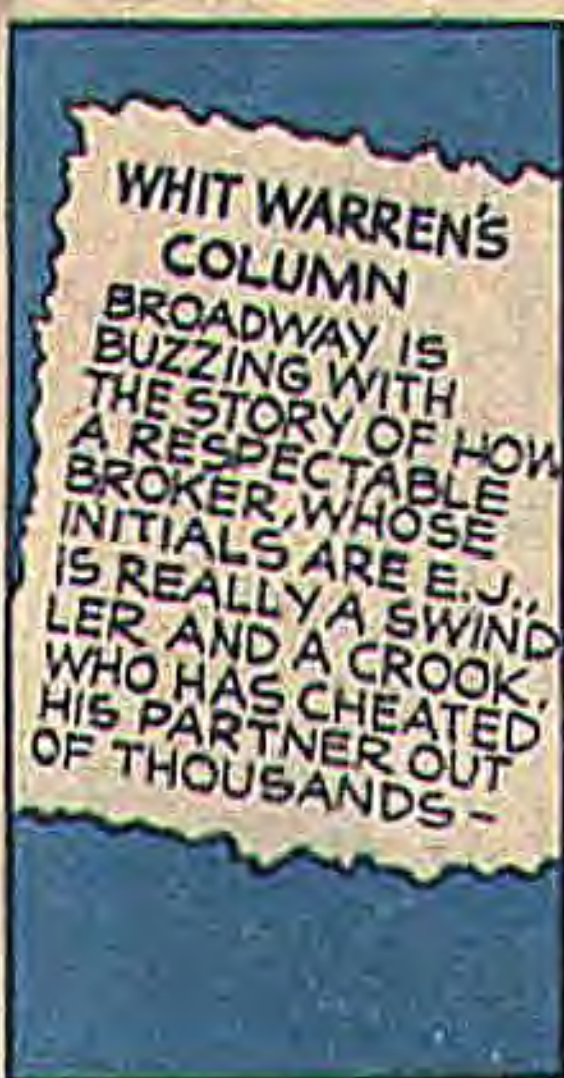
AND THE MAN SUDDENLY FINDS HIS DESCENT CHECKED, REVERSED -



BACK IN MY OWN ROOM - IT'S - IT'S INCREDIBLE! BUT STRANGE, I'M GLAD TO BE ALIVE!









GOSSIP IS A DOUBLE-EDGED WEAPON, MR. WARREN. I'VE COME TO WARN YOU BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!



YOU HAVE NO FRIENDS - ONLY THOSE WHO ARE AFRAID OF YOU - AND YOU HAVE MADE NUMBERLESS ENEMIES!



FRIENDS? WHY, YOU FOOL, ALL THOSE PEOPLE OUT THERE ARE MY FRIENDS!



HOW DARE YOU COME TO ME WITH SUCH DRIVEL?



GET UP - GET UP AND I'LL KILL YOU!



WHAT'S HAPPENING?



CALL THE POLICE! HE'S DEAD - YOU'VE KILLED HIM, WARREN!



READ ALL ABOUT IT! WHIT WARREN HELD FOR MURDER!



THE COURT WILL COME TO ORDER, IN THE CASE OF THE PEOPLE VERSUS WHIT WARREN!







YOU DO NOT DENY, MR. WARREN, THAT YOU STRUCK THIS MAN A FATAL BLOW?

IT WASN'T INTENTIONAL- I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT!



THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY CALLS WITNESSES -

I HEARD THEM QUARRELING AND WHEN I CAME IN WARREN WAS STANDING OVER THE DEAD MAN!



I WOULDN'T PUT SUCH A THING PAST THAT-- THAT SLANDERER!

WARREN IS A BRUTAL MAN!

WARREN ALWAYS STRUCK ME AS BEING A POTENTIAL MURDERER

NO, NO, I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT!!

WARREN ALWAYS HAD A VIOLENT TEMPER!



YOU SEE, WARREN, THOSE PEOPLE YOU THOUGHT WERE YOUR FRIENDS ARE THE FIRST TO TURN AGAINST YOU!



GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY, IN VIEW OF THE TESTIMONY YOU CAN RETURN ONLY ONE VERDICT - I KNOW YOU WILL NOT FAIL IN YOUR DUTY!



WE FIND WHIT WARREN GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE!



